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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ C12Q1/60, 1/26, 1/28, 1/44, G01N33/92

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 5925534 A (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.), 20 July, 1999 (20.07.99), & JP 2000-060600 A & EP 0964249 A2	1-13
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
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Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12:

With respect to the method of these claims comprising the first step of treating lipoproteins other than low-density lipoprotein in a biosample and the second step of treating remaining low-density lipoprotein, only the method whose practical utility is proved in Examples, etc. is the following. The method comprises the first step of causing cholesterol esterase and cholesterol oxidase to act on lipoproteins other than low-density lipoprotein in a biosample in the presence of a surfactant capable of acting on lipoproteins other than low-density lipoprotein to thereby generate hydrogen peroxide and the second step of causing cholesterol esterase and cholesterol oxidase to act on low-density lipoprotein in the biosample in the presence of at least a surfactant capable of acting on low-density lipoprotein. What other methods are applicable is unclear. Therefore, the inventions of these claims cannot be stated as being fully supported by the description and are not clearly and fully disclosed to such an extent that experts of the technical field to which the inventions pertain cannot carry out the inventions.

With respect to the inventions not fully supported by the description and not clearly and fully disclosed in the description as aforementioned, no search has been carried out.